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Office Action Summary

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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/03/95 and 12/26/95☐ This action is **FINAL**.☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims☒ Claim(s) 35-39 and 41-49 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☒ Claim(s) 35-39, 41, and 43-49 is/are allowed.☒ Claim(s) 42 is/are rejected.☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.**Application Papers**☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.☒ The proposed drawing correction, filed on Nov 3, 1995 is ☐ approved ☒ disapproved.☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).**Attachment(s)**☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 20, 22 an.☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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The following office action is in response to patent examination application serial number 08/447,757, filed on 05/23/95.

Acknowledgement is made of the receipt of the amendment filed 11/13/95 and the terminal disclaimer filed 12/26/95. Claim 40 has been cancelled. Claims 35-39 and 41-49 are pending on the merits.

PROPOSED DRAWINGS

The entry of the proposed drawing figures 3A and 6A has been denied. While original claim 42 recites "said block having two protrusions" there is insufficient support in the specification and claims for both the shape and the location on the block of the protrusions as is specifically shown in the proposed figures.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The amendments to the specification which relate to the proposed drawing figures should be cancelled.

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REJECTION - 35 U.S.C. 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH

Claim 42 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Although "said block having two protrusions" was originally claimed, the location and shape of these protrusions are specified sufficiently. Are the protrusions on opposite ends of the block? Are the protrusions "dogbone" shaped, oblong, or round? These are some of the questions unanswered by the disclosure as originally filed.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claims 35-39, 41 and 43-49 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Christopher Kent at (703) 308-2497.

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